

REMARKS

In the Office Action, Claims 13-14 and 30-34 were allowed, and Claims 3-12 and 15-29 were withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. With the entry of the present Amendment, the non-elected claims have been cancelled, and remaining Claims 13-14 and 30-34 have all been allowed.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). Specifically, the Examiner stated that the features of a plurality of rods fibers being connected electronically in parallel, as set forth in Claim 30, and the rods being individually connected to an associated read-out circuit, as set forth in Claim 31, were not specifically shown in the drawings.

A replacement sheet of drawings, which includes changes to Fig. 4b, is being filed concurrently. This sheet, which includes Figs. 4a-4d, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 4a-4d. With the entry of this replacement sheet, the above features of Claims 30 and 31, which were previously described in the Specification at p. 13, lines 4-10, are now shown in Fig. 4b. In particular, a first set of piezoelectric rods or fibers has been identified by reference numbers 401, 402, 403, and are shown connected electrically in parallel to read-out circuit 410. In addition, a second set of rods or fibers has been identified by reference numbers 403, 404, 405, and are shown to be independently addressed and read out by read-out circuits 411, 412, 413. The Specification has been amended to reflect these drawing changes. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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